[Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker.]

Central Printing Office. Now the Superintendent reports that on account of increase of work it is difficult for him to arrange for this routine work without additional staff. In view to the heavy financial commitments involved in the matter and on account of the imperative necessity of keeping a check over the expenditure on this item, especially when the prices of articles are very high, Government propose to appoint a temporary clerk and this House is being requested to grant the amount of Rs. 160 for the purpose.

The next item of expenditure is in regard to the additional appointment of a turner in the Government Press. The Press is now making seals and stamps required for Government Offices and it has been carrying on this work for a fairly long time. The work is now in arrears and about 180 stamps and seals have to be made-- that the Superintendent has now asked for an additional turner in order that the pending orders may be executed urgently. This temporary hand is required only to clear off the arrears and as soon as the work is over, he will be disbanded. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to grant this small sum.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 288 under XXX—Stationery and Printing was put and carried.

The grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

President: Mr. Joseph, if you want to say anything you can say it now.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I was thinking that, we members of this House were feeling this difficulty, that bills are not given to us sufficiently early to enable us to send amendments in time. The Rules provide that amendments should be sent six days earlier than the Session. The bills as passed by the Assembly have reached us only yesterday evening.

President: I can fully realise the difficulty of the honourable members, and I have asked the Chief Secretary to explain the steps that we have taken to get rid of those difficulties. But in regard to the Bills before the House today, excepting on the Chitties Bill no amendments have been passed in regard to the other Bills and I take it that in regard to these Bills if honourable members wanted to put forward amendments they could have done so as soon as they got the copy of the Bill. Anyhow the Chief Secretary will explain what we have done.

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Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The practice hitherto followed in this House was this. Copies of all bills, whether original Bills, Select Committee Reports or Bills as revised by the Committee are sent at the same time both to the Assembly and to the Council so as to enable the members of the Council also to send up whatever amendments they may require. It is true that the copies of the Bill, as finally passed by the Assembly could have been made available naturally only after some time, practically a day earlier.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: How should we know such and such a Bill will come up to-day?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: At least so far as to-day's business is concerned my friend has no ground for complaint. The provisional list in this case has been given on the 30th January 1945. Even in regard to the Chitty Bill it will be noted that an honourable member has already sent up amendments more than a week ago, even before the Assembly passed the measure on the basis of the Select Committee Report. To the Bill as revised by the Select Committee amendments have been tabled. In any case if there are amendments passed by the Assembly to the Bill as revised by the Select Committee in a manner which might require consideration for a time, to enable the honourable members of the Council to send up their amendments, it is possible hereafter to take that matter into account and to see that such of the Bills as will require a large number of amendments are taken up for consideration at the meeting which next follows the one at which the Assembly may have passed it.

President: In fact I have been myself considering the whole matter and wish to assure the honourable members of this House that no slight is imagined for a moment. In regard to this matter Government are anxious that this House should bestow the fullest consideration upon every Bill as the consideration that was bestowed in the other Chamber. Bills as emerging from the Select Committee will be circulated to both the Chambers on the same day and it is then possible for honourable members to make up their minds as to what amendments are necessary.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: That could at best only be provisional.

President: That is a matter which will be made perfectly clear. As soon as the Select Committee's deliberations are over those Bills as amended by the Select Committee will be circulated to the members of both the Houses. If that be done, opportunity will be given to the members of either House to come to the conclusion as to what amendments are in their opinion, necessary and

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[President.]

to give notice of these amendments. That however will not finish matters. Here I will pause for a moment and say that I have myself been feeling that far too many Bills are introduced in the Lower House *ab initio*. Steps will be taken that a fair proportion of the Bills are introduced first in the Upper House, namely, 40 or 50 per cent. of the Bills which Government are projecting will be introduced in the Upper House and the other portion will be moved in the Lower House and then the Upper House will proceed with the consideration. This will be followed in future.

President : That again will not end the matter, because in the course of the deliberations before one House or the other, vital amendments may be made. Honourable members who might not have desired to move any amendments, if the Bill were as it emerged from the Select Committee may find it necessary to put forward amendments in view to what has taken place in the Chamber. Steps will be taken hereafter that if vital amendments are made in one Chamber, which will necessitate full consideration of the whole Bill as amended, those Bills will come up for consideration in the other Chamber not in the same session, but in the following session.

So far as the present business is concerned, as I have endeavoured to point out, I find that no amendments have been tabled or passed in the Lower House. And I find that except in regard to the Chitties Bill no amendments have come forward here. I therefore, wish to take the opinion of the House whether we may not go on with the business.

The House assented.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma : I want a clarification from the Legal Remembrancer regarding Section 15 Part 1. It is stated that a person would not be allowed to pull down or remove a building. That does not in any way affect the right of Government or the right of any person.

President : But we have not come to the Town Planning Act (Amendment) Bill.

THE TRAVANCORE TOWN PLANNING ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai : I move that the Travancore Town Planning Act (Amendment) Bill, as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

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